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### Small Farms Outreach for

During FY 2001, GIPSA participated in two, major regional workshops

small and disadvantaged farmers: the Agricultural/Natural Resources Workshop For Farmers, held July 11-13, 2001, in Perry, Georgia, and the Risk Management Strategies Workshop for Small and Limited Resource Farmers, held July 23-25 in Memphis, Tennessee. The workshops provided GIPSA and other USDA agencies the opportunity to focus on the challenges facing small and limited-resource farmers. GIPSA personnel also participated in a number of other meetings with farmers at both the national and State levels, including a series of Poultry and Cattle Town Hall meetings hosted by the Agency.

### Safety and Health Health Technical Training

In April 2001, the FGIS Safety and Health Staff hosted a Safety and

Technical Training Conference, a technical training session for Agency Collateral Duty Safety and Health Officers (CDSHOs). The training strengthened GIPSA's safety and health program by improving the CDSHOs' knowledge of programs, policies, and procedures relating to potentially hazardous working conditions in grain elevators, on board vessels, and in offices and laboratories.

### Explosion Data

GIPSA receives information on agricultural dust explosions through the cooperation of Dr. Robert Schoeff, Professor Emeritus, Kansas State University; Mavis Rogers, GIPSA; and a news clipping service. GIPSA does not investigate agricultural dust explosions and the private sector is not required to report explosions to GIPSA. This data is subject to change as new information becomes available.

### Summary of Reported Grain Dust Explosions, Fiscal Years 1996-2001

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Explosions	16	14	18	11	9	6
Number of Injuries	26	8	21	15	19	5
Number of Deaths	1	1	7	0	1	1

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Grain Dust Explosions,  
Fiscal Year 2001**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Injuries</b>	<b>Fatalities</b>
Ohio Grain Company	Ohio, IL	07/11/01	2	0
Consolidated Grain & Barge	Curran (Springfield), IL	06/27/01	0	0
Evergreen FS'	Yuton (Bloomington) IL	06/26/01	0	0
Prospect Farmers Exchange	Prospect, OH	04/23/01	2	0
Farmers Co-op Elevator	Greenleaf, KS	04/06/01	1	1
Midwest Grain	Atchinson, KS	01/31/01	0	0